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No 20

St. Louis July 10th 1808.

Sir,

Mrs Sane and Jarway murderers have arrived, and are committed for trial. I do not consider the prison, under existing circumstances, sufficiently secure without the aid of a guard, and have therefore thought it expedient to call on you for a serjt. corp^l and twelve men for that purpose. It is my wish that they should be stationed here untill the trial of these prisoners is over, or their execution takes place, as ^{either} ~~the~~ event may happen. none but sober discrete men can be expected to answer the purpose for which this guard is intended, and should you have no serjt. on whom you can rely with confidence for the faithful performance of this duty, I must further request that a Subaltern Officer should be sent to take charge of the guard. Lieut. Larissier sends ^{this}

this communication by a soldier, and waits your answer; he has for the present at my request furnished the necessary guard; but not having your orders, has very properly in my opinion, excepted a difficulty in remaining here since the service on which he was ordered has been completed. —

Will you be so good as to order the Military Agent to have four pair of ^{small} hand cuffs, and the same number of leg shackles with bolts, prepared as soon as possible and sent to me. —

Your sincere friend &
Oblt. Servt.

Meriwether Lewis.

Col. Thomas Hunt. }
Comd. 1st U.S. Regt. Infy. }

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Ball Fontaine.

P. H. H. H.

July 10, 1878

For a Guard to protect
the Quartermaster at Fort